

**Question for written answer E-001793/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Referendum in Switzerland

The initiative 'against mass immigration' launched by the right-wing nationalist Swiss People's Party was approved in the referendum in the majority of the 26 cantons with the support of 50.3% of Swiss voters, marking a major change in Swiss immigration policy.

The Swiss Foreign Minister has said that this decision jeopardises the agreement with the European Union on the free movement of people, and the Swiss Justice Minister has said that the referendum result will bring about 'a change of system with far-reaching consequences for Switzerland and our relations with the EU'.

What is the position of the Commission as an institution on the results of the referendum in Switzerland?